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OSWESTRY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Office,  
Castle View,  
OSWESTRY,  
Salop.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Oswestry Rural District Council,  
Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to present for your perusal the Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1965.

The report has been presented in the form indicated by the Minister of Health, which includes the Vital Statistics of the area.

The Live Birth Rate was 16.99 per 1,000 population, (England and Wales 18.0) - 297 babies being born in 1965. The Still Birth Rate is 32.57 per 1,000 live and still births, (England and Wales 15.6). The Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births was 13.47, (England and Wales 19.0). The Death Rate for all ages from all causes was 9.83 per 1,000 population (England and Wales 11.5), compared with 9.33 in 1964.

All these figures follow the national trend fairly closely, although it must be remembered with so few figures it is difficult to compare incidences.

My thanks are due to the staff of the Public Health Department for their able assistance in compiling this Annual Report.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM MOORE.

August, 1966.

Medical Officer of Health.

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## GENERAL STATISTICS

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The following are the General Statistics for the Oswestry Rural Health Districts:-

Area in acres .....	61,524
Population figure given by the Registrar General .....	19,280
No. of inhabited houses (on Rate Book) at end of 1965.....	5,629
Rateable value .....	£457,780
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£1,750

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1965.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate ... ..	127	151	278
Illegitimate . ... ..	7	12	19
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population ... ..			15.445
Birth Rate after correction by comparability factor ..			16.99
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births ...			6.39

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate ... ..	4	6	10
Illegitimate ... ..	-	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births ... ..			32.57
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>	138	169	307

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	118	119	237
Death Rate per 1,000 population ... ..			12.29
Death Rate after correction by comparability factor ...			9.83

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

Number of children under 1 year of age who died in 1965.	4
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	
Legitimate ... ..	10.10
Illegitimate ... ..	3.36

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Deaths (including abortion) . . . . .	-
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births.	-

Neo Natal (first four weeks) Infant Mortality; rate per 1,000 live births - 10.10.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate ... ..	-	2	2
Illegitimate . ...	-	1	1

Early Neo Natal (under 1 week): Rate per 1,000 total live births - 6.73

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate ... ..	-	1	1
Illegitimate . ...	-	1	1

Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births). 39.09

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate ... ..	4	7	11
Illegitimate . ...	-	1	1

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Deaths from Measles (All Ages) ..	-	-	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All Ages)	-	-	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under 2 years) .	-	-	-



BIRTHS, DEATHS, STILL BIRTHS, INFANT MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY.

DISTRICT	Total Live Births	Birth Rate	Total Deaths	Death Rate	Still Births	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and Still Births.	Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality per 1,000 Live Births	Maternal Deaths	Maternal Mortality per 1,000 Live and Still Births.
OSWESTRY R.D.	297	16.99	237	9.83	10	32.57	4	13.47	-	-
COUNTY OF SALOP. (1964).	5,796	18.58	3,418	10.96	105	17.79	108	18.63	2	0.34
ENGLAND & WALES (1965).	864,000	18.0	549,320	11.5	13,800	15.7	16,414	19.0	219	0.25

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE	1965	1964
Tuberculosis, respiratory .....	1	1
Other forms of tuberculosis .....	-	-
Syphilitic disease .....	-	-
Diphtheria .....	-	-
Whooping Cough .....	-	-
Meningococcal infections .....	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis .....	-	-
Measles .....	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases .....	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach .....	4	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus .....	9	10
Malignant neoplasm, breast .....	3	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus .....	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .....	25	23
Leukaemia, aleukaemia .....	5	-
Diabetes .....	2	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system .....	38	33
Coronary disease, angina .....	43	36
Hypertension with heart disease .....	3	4
Other heart disease .....	56	58
Other circulatory disease .....	6	6
Influenza .....	1	1
Pneumonia .....	6	3
Bronchitis .....	3	10
Other diseases of the Respiratory system .....	3	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum .....	-	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and diarrhoea .....	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis .....	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate .....	4	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .....	-	1
Congenital malformations .....	2	1

CAUSES OF DEATH (Continued):

CAUSE	1965	1964
Other defined and ill defined diseases .....	18	13
Motor vehicle accidents .....	2	6
All other accidents .....	-	7
Suicide .....	1	1
Homicide and operations of war .....	-	-
ALL CAUSES .....	237	233



INFANT MORTALITY

DISTRICT	Under 1 day M. F.	1 - 7 days M. F.	7 days- 1 month M. F.	1 - 3 months M. F.	3 - 6 months M. F.	6 - 12 months M. F.	TOTAL M. F.	Combined Total	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.
OSWESTRY R.D.	- -	- 3	- -	1 -	- -	- -	1 3	4	13.47

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under 1 month.	Percentage of total infant deaths.	Rate per 1,000 live births
3	75.0	10.10

CANCER

DISTRICT	Deaths		TOTAL	Rate per 1,000 Population
	M.	F.		
Oswestry R.D.	27	20	47	2.44
County of Salop. (1964) .	344	277	621	1.99
England and Wales.	57,464	48,874	106,338	2.22

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE TABLE

Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Measles	Pneumonia	Polio-myelitis	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough
Nil	Nil	198	Nil	Nil	20	5

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	14	40	37	52	11	-	-	3	2	5	-	4
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	3	1	2	1	3	-	2	-	5	-	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1

NOTIFICATION OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE, 1965.

Ages.	Dysentery		Measles		Food Poisoning		Pneumonia		Polio-myelitis.		Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
1-	-	-	5	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	20	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
3-	-	-	14	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
4-	-	-	9	14	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1
5-	-	-	51	33	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	4	-	-
10-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
25-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:-	-	-	113	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	8	1	4



## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Ministry of Health in 1961 evolved two alternative schemes of immunisation and vaccination for young children. The scheme adopted locally is known by the term Schedule P. A description of Schedule P is given below:-

### Schedule P.

Age	Visit	Vaccine	In jection	In- terval
1 to 6 months.	1	Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus Polio. 1.	1	4 to 6 weeks.
	2	Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus Polio. 2.	2	4 to 6 weeks.
	3	Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus Polio. 3.	3	
18 to 21 months.	4	Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus 4		
Smallpox during first 2 years but preferably at 12 months.				
School Entry.		Poliomyelitis 4; diphtheria, tetanus.		
8 to 12 years.		Diphtheria, tetanus, smallpox vaccination.		
Over 12 years.		B.C.G. *		

\*B.C.G. Vaccines may be given to school children aged 10 years or more, at the discretion of the Medical Officer of Health.

## NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Nearly 60% of the mothers and infants in the district come to the clinics to be immunised. In 1964, the total attendance at the clinics was 6,398. The clinic started in Whittington has proved to be very popular, and the numbers have increased during the year.

However, it is always necessary to continue to encourage people to realise that a high level of immunisation is very essential. Since the introduction of the poliomyelitis vaccine the incidence of the disease has fallen sharply. The Chief Medical Officer of Health of the Ministry has sounded a note of warning. By the end of 1965 only about 70% of children born since 1963 had been immunised, leaving a large percentage unprotected. Paralytic forms of the disease can easily reappear in communities where the presence of susceptible, unimmunised individuals permits the virus to spread. In Britain a small outbreak occurred with 50 reported cases and 25 were paralytic. All these patients were unvaccinated, or inadequately vaccinated, and 43 of the patients were adults.

The ideal situation would be where 100% of the population would be protected, and every effort must be made to achieve this target.

During the year, the oral polio vaccine has been administered with the injections for Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus. This cuts down the number of visits the mothers have to make to clinics with young infants, and will allow time to incorporate the new measles vaccine when it becomes available next year.

### POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following received second injections of salk vaccine or third injections of quadrilin in 1965.

District	Children born 1965/1950		Others	
	C.C.	G.P.	C.C.	G.P.
Oswestry Rural	-	96	-	-

The following received third doses of oral vaccine in 1965.

District	Children born 1965/1950		Others	
	C.C.	G.P.	C.C.	G.P.
Oswestry Rural	172	77	29	-

The following received re-inforcing doses or oral or salk vaccine or quadrilin in 1965.

District	Children born 1965/1950		Others	
	C.C.	G.P.	C.C.	G.P.
Oswestry Rural	209	33	29	-

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION 1965.

District	Under 5	5 - 14	TOTALS	Re-inforcing injections
Oswestry R.D.	229	20	249	374



SMALLPOX VACCINATION, 1965.

District	Under 1	1	2-4	5-15	Over 15	TOTALS	Re- Vaccinations
Oswestry Rural	37	81	36	3	3	160	29

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION, 1965.

District	Total Numbers Immunised in 1965
Oswestry Rural	226

TETANUS IMMUNISATION, 1965.

District	Total Numbers Immunised in 1965
Oswestry Rural	382



## B.C.G. VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The following scheme is operated by the Salop County Council.

B.C.G. vaccination against Tuberculosis is available, with parental consent to:

- (a) School children in the year preceding their fourteenth birthday;
- (b) children of 14 years who are still at school and students for further education, teacher training colleges, technical colleges and other establishments for further education; and,
- (c) whole school clinics, which may include a few children under 13 years of age for convenience.

The table on Page 18 gives the particulars of schools in the Oswestry Rural District visited for B.C.G. vaccination purposes during 1965. All positive reactors (to the Mantoux Skin Tests) together with their school and home contacts are routinely followed up and X-rayed.

B.C.G. VACCINATIONS, 1965.

Schools	Refusals	No. of Consents Received	No. of Children Skin Tested.	Skin Test Readings. Pos. Neg.	No. Vaccinated
ST. MARTINS MODERN.	10	78	58	2 48	46
MORETON HALL.	0	19	18	2 16	16
QUINTA.	0	18	17	4 10	10
PACKWOOD HAUGH.	0	13	12	1 11	11
TOTALS:-	10	128	105	9 85	83

# TUBERCULOSIS

## NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1965.

	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		TOTALS	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	1	-	-	1	1	1
Service Cases (Tr).	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	2	1	-	1	2
TOTALS:-	1	2	1	1	2	3
Cured	3	1	-	1	3	2
Left District	1	1	-	-	1	1
Deaths	1	-	1	1	2	1
TOTALS:-	5	2	1	2	6	4

## Number of Cases on Register at end of 1965.

Respiratory		Non-respiratory		TOTAL	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
46	21	11	17	57	38

Number of Primary Notifications in 1965 .....	2
Death Rate per 1,000 population .....	.052
England and Wales .....	0.47

## CLINICS AND HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICT

### TUBERCULOSIS

The Physician attends at:-

OSWESTRY:               The District Hospital,  
Every Friday from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SHREWSBURY:           The Chest Clinic, Copthorne Hospital,  
Every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### VENEREAL DISEASES

Facilities for treatment:- Clinics.

Clinics are administered by the Regional Hospital Board and the one available for this area is given below, the Medical Officer attending on the days and at the hours given.

SHREWSBURY:       1, Belmont.

                  Tuesdays and Fridays:       Men - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

                  Thursdays:                Women - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

                  Mondays:                    Women - 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

### HOSPITALS

Oswestry and District Hospital.

Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury, treats cases of Enteric Fever, Meningitis, Acute Poliomyelitis, or Acute Encephalitis.

Monkmoor Hospital, Shrewsbury, admits other cases of Infectious Disease, such as Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Measles, Whooping Cough, etc.,

Other hospitals which provide accommodation for the district are:-



The County Council Hospital, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury.

The Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury.

The Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury.

The Sir Robert Jones and Dame Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry.

All these hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board which was constituted in accordance with the National Health Service Act.

### AMBULANCE SERVICES

Under the National Health Service Act it became the duty of the County Council, the Local Health Authority under the Act, to make provisions for securing that ambulances and other means of transport are available for the conveyance of persons suffering from physical or mental illness and expectant mothers or nursing mothers, from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

### LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury. Telephone: Shrewsbury 4684.

The Bacteriologist is Dr. A.C. Jones, and the Pathologist, Dr. G. Grant.

This service is based on the Royal Salop Infirmary and undertakes the work for local authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. It is invaluable particularly in the expeditious dealing with the bacteriological examination of food samples.

## BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

For very many people during the course of serious illness, blood transfusion is a life saving treatment. Anaemia, loss of blood in accidents, child birth or operation and severe burns all call for the transfusion of blood.

The National Blood Transfusion Service Unit based on Birmingham visits Oswestry twice each year when a large number of public-spirited citizens from the Borough and Rural District attend to give blood.

New volunteers are constantly required to take the place of those leaving the district or reaching "retiring age".

The Shrewsbury Office has kindly supplied the following figures:-

OSWESTRY ..... 1965.

<u>Attended</u>	<u>Bled</u>
279	264

A proportion of the donors come from the Borough.

## LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CLINICS

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, the County Council, the Local Health Authority, provide child welfare clinics. The clinic in Oswestry is held in Upper Brook Street every Wednesday from 9.30 to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. Immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus are provided, as well as vaccination against smallpox. Facilities are also available for immunisation against poliomyelitis.

Welfare Food - orange juice, codliver oil preparations, other vitamin preparations, powdered milk and cereals for babies - are all on sale at the clinics. These welfare foods are also on sale daily except on Thursday.

The Clinic is staffed by experienced health visitors who can advise on any problem connecting with the rearing, feeding and management of babies and young children. A doctor is always in attendance.

#### HOME HELP SERVICE

This service is provided by the Salop County Council as one of its functions under Part III of the National Health Service Act. It helps to maintain the aged and the sick in their homes. This excellent service is run in Oswestry and District by the supervisor Mrs. Crombie who has 21 home helps under her control.

#### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

No action was taken under the above Act by the Medical Officer of Health in 1965.

#### DENTAL CLINICS.

The Salop County Council provide a dental service for expectant and nursing mothers and for pre-school age and school age children. The aim of the School Dental Service is to ensure that, as far as practicable, children will leave school without the loss of permanent teeth, free from dental diseases and irregularity and trained in the care of their teeth. The dentist holds frequent weekly sessions in the Clinic at Upper Brook Street, Oswestry.



## CHILD GUIDANCE CLINICS

Two sessions weekly are held in Shrewsbury and two in Wellington. Sessions are also held in all parts of the County as the need arises. The staff includes a psychiatrist, a psychologist and a psychiatric social worker.

## MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Apart from routine medical inspections which I carry out in schools and clinics, I carry out from time to time:-

- (a) Fre-employed examinations of all entrants to Local Government service employeā by the Oswestry Rural District Council.
- (b) Examinations to ascertain the fitness of children (aged 13 years and over) to engage in part time work outside school hours.  
The scope and duration of this employment is strictly controlled by law. (Children and Young Persons Act, 1933).
- (c) All entrants to the teaching profession.
- (d) The assessment of the fitness of various individuals to continue their present employment etc.,



*The Rural District Council of Oswestry.*

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*With the Compliments  
of the  
Chief Public Health Inspector.*

Castle View,  
Oswestry.

Oswestry 3347/8/9



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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

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Public Health Inspector

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Temporary Additional Public Health Inspector

F. HUMPHRIES.

CLERK

MISS P.M. KYNASTON.

Pupil Public Health Inspector

C.H. JONES.



RAINFALL:-	The total rainfall for the year was .....	33.68
	Average over the last ten years .....	30.56
POPULATION figure given by the Registrar General .....		19,280

### WATER SUPPLY.

Figures showing the distribution of water supplies in each parish are not available. Distribution of public water supplies now comes under the control of the West Shropshire Water Board, Shelton, Shrewsbury, Salop.

### RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PIPED SUPPLIES FROM PUBLIC MAINS.

Date	Supply.	B. Coli coli.	Faecal coli.
26.1.65.	Mardy Bore, St. Martins School (main inlet).	0	0
26.1.65.	Mardy Bore, St. Martins School, tap in kitchen).	0	0
18.10.65.	Nantmawr (Rectory, Treflach).	0	0
18.10.65.	Nantmawr (Royal Oak, Treflach, existing main).	3	Present
1.3.65.	Ruyton Bore (Tap, Crickheath).	0	0
21.3.65.	Ruyton Bore (Tap, West Felton).	0	0
5.4.65.	Ruyton Bore (Storage tank, West Felton).	0	0
2.6.65.	Ruyton Bore (Trefonen, Point 60B).	0	0
2.6.65.	Ruyton Bore (Trefonen, Point 60C).	0	0
2.6.65.	Ruyton Bore (Trefonen, Point 60H).	0	0
21.6.65.	Ruyton Bore (Point 65).	6	0
21.6.65.	Ruyton Bore (Point 49).	1	0
21.6.65.	Ruyton Bore (Inlet to Sweeney Reservoir Pt. 49).	2	0
28.6.65.	Ruyton Bore (Cefnblodwel Reservoir).	5	0
28.6.65.	Ruyton Bore (Sweeney Reservoir).	16	0
28.6.65.	Ruyton Bore (Sweeney Reservoir, Intake).	16	0
18.8.65.	Ruyton Bore (Trefonen watercourse, Point 61).	180+	Present
21.9.65.	Ruyton Bore (Cefnblodwel Reservoir).	0	0
28.9.65.	Ruyton Bore (Tyisa, Cefnblodwel, (first)).	0	0
28.9.65.	Ruyton Bore (Tyisa, Newgate).	0	0
28.9.65.	Ruyton Bore (Glanyrafon Farm, Section 66/67).	0	0
28.9.65.	Ruyton Bore (Glanyrafon Cottage, Point 67).	0	0
28.9.65.	Ruyton Bore (Tyisa, (second)).	0	0
28.9.65.	Ruyton Bore (Mill Bridge, Maesbury).	0	0



RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PIPED  
SUPPLIES FROM PUBLIC MAINS Contd.,

Date.	Supply.	B. Coli coli.	Faecal coli.
5.10.65.	Ruyton Bore (opposite Weston Farm, Weston).	0	0
6.10.65.	Ruyton Bore (Erw Bant, Llanyblodwel, Point 69).	0	0
6.10.65.	Ruyton Bore (Llanyblodwel Section 66/68).	0	0
6.10.65.	Ruyton Bore (Llanyblodwel, Point 68).	0	0
6.10.65.	Ruyton Bore (Penisarllan, Section 68/64A).	0	0
6.10.65.	Ruyton Bore (Llanyblodwel, Point 68A).	0	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney/Nantmawr/Ruyton.	0	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, Nuttree Junction.	0	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Ford, Sweeney Mountain).	0	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Walcot, " " ).	3	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (High Pastures " " ).	0	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Point 49, Reservoir).	0	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Reservoir, Point 49).	0	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Section 49A/49C).	0	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Point 49C).	0	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Point 58).	1	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Tap, Reservoir).	2	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Section 58/59).	2	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Barratt's Field).	0	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (58/59).	1	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Treflach, 58/59).	3	0
11.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Treflach, Point 59).	0	0
18.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Opp. Walcot, Sweeney M.	18+	0
18.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Pumping Station).	0	0
18.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Sweeney Mountain).	0	0
18.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Sweeney Mountain).	0	0
18.10.65.	Ruyton Bore/Mixed Sweeney, (Woodhill - Trefonen).	0	0
10.11.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Point 60B, Coedygo).	0	0
10.11.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Point 60A, Hydrant, Trefonen).	0	0
10.11.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Point 60A/60L, Hydrant).	0	0
10.11.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Point 49B/62, Hydrant, S. Mountain).	0	0
15.11.65.	Ruyton Bore. (58, Reservoir, Sweeney Mountain).	0	0
18.11.65.	Ruyton Bore. (58, Reservoir, Sweeney Mountain).	0	0
22.11.65.	Ruyton Bore. (St. Andrews Church, Welsh Frankton).	0	0
22.11.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Old School, Welsh Frankton).	0	0
22.11.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Grange, Welsh Frankton, (H.W.O)).	0	0
8.12.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Lower Frankton - South View).	0	0
8.12.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Canal Bridge, Lower Frankton).	0	0
8.12.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Orchard Cottage, Lower Frankton).	0	0
8.12.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Nr. R.D. Boundary, Lower Frankton).	0	0
20.12.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Point 49, Reservoir, Lower Sweeney).	0	0

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PIPED  
SUPPLIES FROM PUBLIC MAINS CONTD.,

Date.	Supply	B. Coli coli.	Faecal coli.
20.12.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Point 49A, Sweeney Reservoir) .	0	0
20.12.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Pumping main to ex. " )	0	0
20.12.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Inlet to Point 58, Reservoir) .	0	0
10.11.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Nantycaws Extension, Hydrant) .	0	0
11.11.65.	Ruyton Bore. (Brynymapsis, Mordā, Hydrant) .	0	0

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION OF WATER SUPPLIES.

Date:- 15.2.65.      Source:- L.C.W.W. (Whittington).

Remarks:- Low alkalinity and acid in reaction. It will be corrosive to metals and contains 1.2. parts per million of copper. Copper in solution commonly causes staining of wash basins and baths.

Date:- 9.5.65.      Source:- Spring. (Creiglwyn).

Remarks:- The radioactivity in this water is quite negligible. A limit has been recommended for drinking water of 20 pico curies per litre i.e. some 100-times greater than is found in this sample.

PRIVATE/BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES.

	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Private Mains	-	1
Wells, pumps etc.,	4	27



### PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES.

The West Shropshire Water Board is now the Statutory Water Undertaker for the district. The Council has two representatives on the Board, both are active and keen members and watch very closely the interests of the District. Close liason exists between the Water Board Engineer and the Health Department, and when it has been necessary to draw his attention to water problems the matter has been dealt with efficiently and promptly.

The last stage of the comprehensive water scheme is nearing completion and when completed there will only be isolated pockets of premises not supplied from public mains.

### PUBLIC SEWERS.

During the year satisfactory progress has been made on the sewerage scheme for Ruyton-Xl-Towns. 1966 should see the completion of the work. Judging by the inquiries being made, owners will readily connect to the public sewer and provide modern amenities.

The Council have under consideration the provision of sewers in the villages of Trefonen and West Felton.

The hamlet of Pontfaen which has been sewered by public sewer discharging into an obsolete tank has been provided with a small outfall works. The Engineer has also been instructed to prepare schemes for the extension of a sewer from Weston Rhyn to sewer the hamlet known as the Wern. Similar instructions have been given in respect of an extension at St. Martins to sewer the St. Martins Moors areas. The sewerage of both areas is long overdue.



## H O U S I N G   S U R V E Y

During the year the survey was continued in the parishes of Kinnerley, Knockin, Molverley and in the townships of Llanforda and Maesbrook in the parish of Oswestry Rural.

In the parish of Kinnerley the proportion of unfit houses was found to be higher than in other parishes. Kinnerley contains some 300 houses, 158 of which were inspected. This resulted in seventeen Closing Orders and thirty-three houses being put under notice for improvement.

During the course of the housing survey, extending over a period of six years, the occupants of one hundred and twelve unfit houses were accommodated in Council Houses. In six instances the tenants of unfit houses found their own accommodation. Twelve unfit houses were unoccupied at the time the Closing Orders were made.

Seven occupiers of unfit houses refused the offer of a Council House.

Aged householders are reluctant to leave an unfit cottage which they have occupied for many years. Others are unwilling to leave a detached cottage for a communal environment, and some feel unable to afford the rent of a Council House.

At the time of compiling this Report there are Closing Orders on sixty-seven occupied houses which have been outstanding for periods varying from six months to eight years. It is regrettable that these should remain occupied under conditions which are deteriorating from bad to worse.

Seven late seventeenth century Almhouses in the parish of St. Martins were acquired by the Council. These were repaired and provided with modern conveniences.

In the townships of Llanforda (Oswestry Rural) an isolated group of thirteen houses, including two agricultural holdings are served by surface springs of unsatisfactory quality. In addition, householders are obliged to carry water unreasonable distances. The West Shropshire Water Board has been requested to consider extending their water main to serve these premises.

# HOUSING SURVEY 1965.

Parish	No. of Houses Inspected	Re-inspections Work in progress or interviews with owners Total inspection	No. of Informal Notices Served.	No. of Formal Notices Served.	No. of Houses Improved	No. of Houses Improved under Grant	Closing Orders
KINNERLEY	58	167	33	31	3	1	17
KNOCKIN	29	22	5	3	-	-	-
LLANYBLODWEL	3	16	-	9	2	-	-
LLANYMYNECH	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
MELVERLEY	22	20	5	4	1	-	2
OSWESTRY RURAL	81	210	16	14	14	5	12
RUYTON-XI-TOWNS.	1	31	-	-	4	4	-
ST. MARTINS	1	25	-	-	5	16	-
SELAFTYN	-	15	-	-	-	5	-
SYCHTYN	20	7	-	-	-	-	-
WEST FELTON	1	142	-	-	4	6	-
WESTON RHYN	3	39	-	2	4	15	-
WHITTINGTON	19	34	1	2	5	13	-
TOTAL:-	339	729	60	65	42	66	31

# HOUSING ACT, 1957 & 1961.

## A. Houses Demolished

### (1) In or adjoining Clearance Areas under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957.

(a)	Unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b)	Included by reason of bad arrangement	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(c)	On land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957.	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

### (2) Not in or adjoining Clearance Areas

(a)	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sections 16 or 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	...	...	...	...	1
(b)	Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by Medical Officer of Health.	...	...	...	...	Nil
(c)	Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	...	...	...	...	Nil
(d)	Houses included in unfitness orders made under paragraph 2 of Second Schedule to the land compensation Act, 1961.	...	...	...	...	Nil

## B. Unfit Houses Closed

(a)	Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957, and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961.	..	...	...	Nil
(b)	Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957.	..	...	...	Nil
(c)	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957.	...	...	...	Nil

## C. Unfit Houses Made Fit

(a)	After informal action by local Authority				
	by owner	...	...	...	15
(b)	After formal notice under Sections 9 & 16, Housing Act, 1957.				
	(i) by owner	...	...	...	22
	(ii) by local authority	...	...	...	Nil
(c)	After formal notice under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	5
(d)	After modifications or revocation of a clearance order under Section 21 of Housing Act, 1961.	...	...	...	Nil
(e)	After determination of a demolition order under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957.	...	...	...	Nil
(f)	After determination of a closing order under Section 27, Housing Act, 1961.	...	...	...	3



D. Houses in which Defects were remedied (other than unfit houses made fit).

After formal notice under Public Health Acts ... 42

E. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957).

Position at end of year ... Nil

Retained for (Under Section 48 ... Nil

Temporary ( " " 17(2). ... Nil

Accommodation ( " " 46 ... Nil

Licence for temporary accommodation under Section 34 or 53

F. Purchase of Houses by Agreement

Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders ... Nil

	Houses erected during year		Houses in course of erection	
	For Slum Clearance	For Other Purposes	For Slum Clearance	For Other Purposes
Local Authority	23	23	8	8
Other	-	59	-	51

Number of Post-War Houses erected from 1st April 1945 to 31st December 1965.		House Building Programme for 1967.	
By Local Authority	Other	For Slum Clearance	For Other Purposes
-	-	55	55



### FILTHY AND VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Two filthy premises have been kept under observation and efforts made to help the families reach a reasonable state of cleanliness. One family responded quite well, the other cannot be expected to improve very much until they are given better accommodation. At the moment they are occupying a derelict caravan.

### REFUSE COLLECTION.

Four vehicles are now employed on refuse collection which is carried out by direct labour. Since last year's report, the Council, by arrangement with the War Department, have undertaken a daily collection from Park Hall Military Camp. This resulted in the purchase of a fourth vehicle and has also assisted in providing a weekly collection in part of the district which previously had a fortnightly collection. The Council has also approved the carrying out of a pilot scheme of paper sack collection. This is to cover approximately 800 premises in the first instance, and will be put into operation during 1966.

### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Two public conveniences exist, one in Llanymynech and one on the Racecourse. There has been some damage caused at Llanymynech but not on the scale one generally observes throughout the Country. Both have been kept to a high standard of cleanliness.

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The number of moveable dwellings for which Planning Permission has been approved in four and the number refused is five.

It is very difficult to satisfy the Planning Authority's requirements. Caravans proposed for conspicuous positions are frowned upon, but too often if sited in inconspicuous positions, the occupier cannot comply with a Site Licence because of lack of services.

The itinerant dealer who depends on his caravan and motor lorry for his living is finding it increasingly difficult to site his van. He is moved on continuously, and therefore his children have no chance of a settled education. The answer to the problem is the provision of a site by the Local Authority and undoubtedly this will have to be done in the near future.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS.

The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act continues to be administered by a Joint Committee of representatives of the Oswestry Borough and Oswestry Rural District Council. One Rodent Officer is employed, mainly on inspection work. It is known that in Montgomeryshire which County borders on this district, there are infestations of resistant rats, therefore a keen watch is being kept particularly in that part of the district near the boundary of Wales.

## NUISANCES.

Number dealt with by Informal Notice ...	103
Number complied with ... ..	95
Number of Abatement Notices ... ..	5
Number complied with ... ..	5

## FOOD PREPARING PLACES

### Fried Fish Shops

Number of registered premises .....	4
Number of mobile shops .....	1
Number of inspections .....	7
Number of Notices served .....	Nil
Number complied with .....	-

### Bakehouses

Number of premises .....	5
Number inspected.....	5
Number of inspections .....	9
Number of Notices served .....	Nil
Number complied with .....	-

### Hotels, Cafes, Restaurants and Canteens

Number of premises (including School Canteens) .....	47
Number inspected.....	32
Number of inspections .....	36
Number of Notices served .....	Nil
Number complied with .....	-

### Food Shops

Number of premises .....	86
Number of mobile shops .....	8
Number inspected .....	35
Number of inspections .....	40
Number of Notices served.....	Nil
Number complied with .....	-



### Meat Product Preparing Rooms

Number of premises .....	6
Number inspected .....	6
Number of inspections .....	15
Number of Notices served .....	Nil
Number complied with .....	-

### Ice-Cream Premises

Number of Registered premises ..... 66

There are no manufacturing premises in the district.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEAT AND FOODS CONDEMNED.

#### Fruit.

7 x 6 lb. 8 ozs. Pineapple Pulp.  
13 x 6 lb. 8 ozs. Pineapple Pulp.  
2 x 6 lb. 12 ozs. Pineapple Pulp.  
2 x 6 lb. 12 ozs. Peaches.  
48 x 6 lb. Peaches.  
12 x 5 kilos. Apricot Pulp.  
11 x 12 lb. 1b. Apricot Pulp.  
9 x 10 lb. Apricot Pulp.  
4 x 7 lbs. Apricot Halves.  
1 x 6 lb. 4 oz. Apricot Halves.  
1 x 1 lb. 13 oz. Apricot Halves.  
1 x 10 lb. Italian Tomatoes.  
23 x 2 lb. 3 oz. Italian Tomatoes.  
1 x 6 lb. Irish Apples.

#### Vegetables.

16 Cauliflowers.  
1 x 10 oz. oz. Broad Beans.

#### Meat.

1 x 12 lb. Cooked Ham.  
1 x 8 lb. 14 oz. Cooked Ham.  
2 x 12 lb. 10 oz. Cooked Ham.  
3 x 4 lb. Corned Beef.  
5 x 6 lb. Corned Beef.  
70 lb. Part Hindquarter of Beef.  
140 lbs. Hindquarter of Beef.

#### Fish.

26 x 2 oz. Packets Peeled Prawns.

#### Groceries.

1 x 5 gall. Drum Groundnut Oil.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Number of Licenced Slaughterhouses in the District ..... 1

PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE AT KINNERLEY.

	Cattle exclud- ing cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	124	-	-	705	97
Number inspected	124	-	-	705	97
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part organ was condemned.	25	-	-	33	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	20.16	-	-	4.66	9.3
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-

No case of C. Bovis was found in the Private Slaughterhouse. In all cases an effort would be made to trace the source of infection.



FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local authorities.	7	10	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	55	27	-	-
(iii) Other premises. (Sec. 7).	80	43	-	-
TOTAL:-	142	80	-	-

# FACTORIES ACTS (Continued)

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1).	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2).	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3).	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6).	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7).				
(a) Insufficient	1	1	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	1	1	1	-

# FACTORIES ACTS (Continued)

## PART VIII OF THE ACT OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	No. of out- workers in August list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing list to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecu- tions
Wearing Apparel (Making etc).	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	-	-	-	-	-	-







